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UNITED STATES.

REPORTS TO THE SURGEON-GENERAL, PUBLIC HEALTH AND MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE.

PLAGUE-PREVENTION WORK.

Infected Ground Squirrels.

A plague-infected squirrel was found March 25, 1910, in Oakland Township, Alameda County, Cal.

Summary of Examinations at Plague Laboratories at San Francisco and Oakland, Cal.

Passed Assistant Surgeon McCoy reports:

Week ended April 2, 1910. The animals examined for plague were as follows: 4,940 rats, of which 2,011 were *Mus norvegicus*, 68 *Mus rattus*, 103 *Mus alexandrinus*, and 71 *Mus musculus*; 2,651 squirrels, 19 rabbits, 17 gophers.

Doctor McCoy further reports:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Last case of human plague sickened January 30, 1908. Last case of rodent plague trapped October 23, 1908. Total number of rats found infected to date, 398.

Week ended April 2, 1910. Premises inspected, 1,158. Buildings destroyed, 13. Buildings condemned, 9. Nuisances abated, 133. Poisons placed, 8,160. Rats trapped, 2,007. Rats found dead, 33. Gophers trapped, 17. Squirrels trapped, 1. Rats identified, 2,040, as follows: *Mus norvegicus*, 1,563; *Mus rattus*, 68; *Mus musculus*, 306; *Mus alexandrinus*, 103. Average number of traps set daily, 7,526. Examined bacteriologically, 1,752 rats, 17 gophers, and 1 squirrel. No plague infection found.

BERKELEY, CAL.

There is no record of rodent plague in Berkeley. The last case of human plague sickened August 28, 1907.

Week ended April 2, 1910. Rats trapped, 20. Rats examined bacteriologically, 20. No plague-infected rats found.

OAKLAND, CAL.

Last case of human plague sickened October 26, 1909. Last case of rodent plague found December 1, 1908.

Week ended April 2, 1910. Rats found dead, 15. Rats trapped, 533. Rats identified, 548, as follows: *Mus norvegicus*, 483; *Mus musculus*, 65. Rats examined bacteriologically, 481. No plague-infected rats found.

ALAMEDA COUNTY, CAL. (EXCLUSIVE OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND).

Last case of human plague sickened 2 miles southwest of Sunol, September 26, 1909. Last plague-infected rodent found March 25, 1910. To the present time 76 ground squirrels and 1 wood rat have been found infected.

Week ended April 2, 1910. Ranches inspected, 6. Ground squirrels shot, 144. Acres covered with poison, 77. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 144. One plague-infected squirrel was found in Oakland Township, March 25.

FRESNO COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in Fresno County.

Week ended April 2. Ranches inspected, 30. Ground squirrels shot, 878. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 871. No plague-infected squirrels found.

MADERA COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in Madera County.

Week ended April 2. Ranches inspected, 1. Ground squirrels shot, 71. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 69. No plague-infected squirrels found.

MERCED COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in Merced County.

Week ended April 2. Ranches inspected, 9. Ground squirrels shot, 303. Rabbits shot, 17. Examined bacteriologically, 300 squirrels and 17 rabbits. No plague infection found.

MONTEREY COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in Monterey County.

Week ended April 2. Ranches inspected, 33. Ground squirrels shot, 250. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 246. No plague-infected squirrels found.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human plague in San Luis Obispo County. A plague-infected rodent was found January 29, 1910.

Week ended April 2. Ranches inspected, 19. Ground squirrels shot, 165. Ground squirrels found dead, 41. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 206. No plague-infected squirrels found.

SAN MATEO COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in San Mateo County.

Week ended April 2. Ranches inspected, 7. Ground squirrels shot, 161. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 157. No plague-infected squirrels found.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in Santa Barbara County.

Week ended April 2. Ranches inspected, 23. Ground squirrels shot, 190. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 186. No plague-infected squirrels found.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human plague in Santa Clara County. A plague-infected rodent was found November 3, 1909. Total number of ground squirrels found infected to date, 9.

Week ended April 2, 1910. Ranches inspected, 4. Ground squirrels shot, 77. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 75. No plague-infected squirrels found.

TULARE COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in Tulare County.

Week ended April 2. Ranches inspected, 8. Ground squirrels shot, 301. Rabbits shot, 2. Examined bacteriologically, 297 squirrels and 2 rabbits. No plague infection found.

VENTURA COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in Ventura County.

Week ended April 2. Ranches inspected, 7. Ground squirrels shot, 101. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 99. No plague-infected squirrels found.

SEATTLE, WASH.

Assistant Surgeon Chapin reports:

Month of March, 1910. Rats received, 4,495. Rats examined, 279. No plague-infected rats found.

The examination of rats, which was discontinued after the fire at the laboratory February 28, was resumed March 29.

SMALLPOX IN THE UNITED STATES.**Reports Received During Week Ended April 22, 1910.**

Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Alabama:				
Birmingham.....	Apr. 3-9.....	21	.....
California:				
Los Angeles.....	Mar. 27-Apr. 2....	1	.....
Colorado:				
Adams County.....	Mar. 1-31.....	1	.....
Clear Creek County.....	Mar. 1-31.....	1	.....
Conejos County.....	Mar. 1-31.....	21	.....
Delta County.....	Mar. 1-31.....	1	.....
Denver County.....	Mar. 1-31.....	23	.....
Huerfano County.....	Mar. 1-31.....	4	.....
Las Animas County.....	Mar. 1-31.....	11	.....
Montrose County.....	Mar. 1-31.....	67	.....
Morgan County.....	Mar. 1-31.....	12	.....
Pitkin County.....	Mar. 1-31.....	4	.....
Prowers County.....	Mar. 1-31.....	9	.....
Pueblo County.....	Mar. 1-31.....	1	.....
Weld County.....	Mar. 1-31.....	24	.....
Connecticut.....	Mar. 1-31.....	None	.....
District of Columbia.....	Apr. 3-9.....	3	.....
Florida:				
Duval County.....	Apr. 3-9.....	9	.....
Escambia County.....	Apr. 3-9.....	13	.....
Gadsden County.....	Apr. 3-9.....	2	.....
Illinois:				
Bond County.....	Mar. 1-31.....	2	.....
Cass County.....	Mar. 1-31.....	15	.....
Coles County.....	Mar. 1-31.....	3	.....
Cook County—				
Chicago.....	Mar. 1-31.....	1	.....
Edwards County.....	Mar. 1-31.....	3	.....
Livingston County.....	Mar. 1-31.....	1	.....